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Shuster Releases Important Passport Information

Washington, D.C. – In an effort to keep is constituents up-to-date on changes to State Department passport requirements, Congressman Bill Shuster released the following information today:

The State Department has made several important changes to passport requirements which have become effective today.

The State Department released newly updated passport forms. The DS11 (first time application), 82 (Renewal), 4085 (Visa Pages), 5504 (Replacement), and 3053 (Parental Consent) forms have all been updated and are available online at www.travel.state.gov. Additionally, the State Department has announced a new fee schedule for passport applications. The fees for each form as are available online.

In addition to the changes in application forms, the State Department has increased the age for parental consent. Now all minors under the age of 16 require two-parent consent for passports. Previously, minors under the age of 14 were required to receive this consent.

The State Department has also introduced a new passport card for land and sea travel between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean only. Customers have the option to apply for a Passport Book, a Passport Card or both on the new DS-11, DS-82 and DS-5504 forms. The passport card will provide a less expensive, smaller and more convenient alternative for those who travel to these destinations.

Finally, the Department of Homeland Security announced that U.S. and Canadian citizens ages 19 and older should no longer expect that they will be able to prove identity and citizenship by relying on an oral declaration alone. Instead, travelers will be asked to present a government issued ID when entering the United States at land or sea ports of entry. Travelers are encouraged to visit this website review which documents are acceptable for entry into the United States: www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/ready_set_go/land_travel/chnge_in_proced.xml.

Constituents requiring more information on these changes are encouraged to contact Congressman Bill Shuster's office Toll-Free at 1-800-854-3035.

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